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| Applicant(s)   | :   | Shigeyoshi HIF  | RASHIMA et a   | ıl.  |               |            |                |  |
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| Serial No.   |   | 09/894,689  | 09/894,689     |  |               |            |                |  |
| For  | JUN 29 2000   | STORING CO  |                | S, CONNECTING METI<br>ADABLE PROGRAM H   |               |            |                |  |
| Filed  |   | June 27, 2001   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| Examiner   | PADEMARK OFFICE   | PENDERGRA   | SS, Kyle M.    |  |               |            |                |  |
| Art Unit : 2624  |   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| MAIL STOP AM<br>COMMISSIONE<br>Alexandria, VA<br>Sir:  | R FOR PATENTS   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
|  | No additional fee is required.  |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | The fee has been calculated as shown below.   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
|  | This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.  Claims as Amended  |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| •  | (1)   | (2)   | (3)            | (4)  | (5)           | (6)        | (7)            |  |
|  |   | Claims remaining<br>after amendment   |                | Highest number previously paid for   | Present extra | Rate       | Additional fee |  |
| •  | Total claims  | 15  | Minus          | 20 =   | 0 ×           | \$50(25)   | = \$0          |  |
| •  | Independent claims  | 3   | Minus          | 3 =  | 0 ×           | \$200(100) | = \$0          |  |
| ·  |   |   |                | Total additional fee for = \$0 this amendment  |               |            |                |  |
| * **   | If the highest nu   | mber of total claims p  | reviously paid | Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space. |               |            |                |  |
| ***  | If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.  |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
|  | This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid, or is paid herewith   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
|  | This response is being filed within the second month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor.  This is a petition to request a two-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | enclosed.  A check in the amount of \$ 450.00 is attached, which covers the cost of   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| П  | ☐ additional claims and ☐ 2-month petition for extension of time.  Charge \$_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | • –   | Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. |                |  |               |            |                |  |
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 23, 2005. |   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
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| June 23, 2005  |   |   |                |  |               |            |                |  |
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Signature

Date of Signature

**AMENDMENT** 

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued January 26, 2005, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.